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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 253579 SENT OECD PARIS DATED NOV 17

QUOTE

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FOR ENDERS FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

REF: OECD PARIS 27362

1. YOU SHOULD NOT GET INTO MIDDLE EAST SITUATION UNLESS
YOU CAN ABSOLUTELY AVOID IT. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY YOU
ARE GETTING INQUIRIES THERE WHEN MOST GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED
HAVE ALREADY BEEN BRIEFED. HOWEVER, IF YOU CANNOT
AVOID SUBJECT YOU SHOULD LIMIT YOURSELF STRICTLY TO THE
FOLLOWING IN ANY CONVERSATION WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:
QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
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THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS

AND, IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF INCREASED MILITARY READINESS, HAS URGED RESTRAINT ON BOTH SIDES. WE UNDERSTAND FROM OUR EXCHANGES THAT BOTH SIDES INTEND TO CONTINUE OBSERVING THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, EACH SIDE IS IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS, AND MILITARY ACTION AT SOME POINT CANNOT BE RULED OUT. HOWEVER, WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS POTENTIALLY INVOLVED IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN NOT UNDERMINING THE CHANCES FOR FURTHER PROGRESS. UNQUOTE.

2. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHINGTON WILL BE BRIEFING THE NAC ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION NOVEMBER 20. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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